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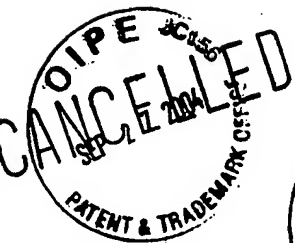
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Application Ser. No. 10/699,026

This communication is a response to a first Office action having a mailing date of 07/30/2004 and setting forth a statutory period response of three months which would expire on 10/30/2004.

Remarks

The applicant has studied the examiner's detailed action carefully and will address the objections to the disclosure first by rewriting certain paragraphs of the specification on separate pages.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over McConnell in view of Easley. The examiner states that "McConnell teaches a system for duplicating keys including a basic key reader 14 (correct) and a sliding bar reader 32 for touching and determining the location, depths and spaces of wafers within a lock (correct) and reading information 80, 82 in an opening 30 of the head 16 of the reader (correct)." The examiner continues to state that "the free end thereof at numeral 36 in Fig. 1 defines a knob for the bar reader." (not correct). The numeral 36 in McConnell identifies a thickness of the feeler 32 wherein the total of thickness of the feeler fits within the key hole of the cylinder lock 12. Therefore, the free end 36 of the reader 32 in Fig. 1 does not define a knob. It is pointed out to the examiner that claim 1 does not recite a "knob" at all. Therefore, the rejection of this claim 1 is not understood. The examiner continues to modify the McConnell reference by stating that "Easley teaches providing a bend 22a, 22b for a bar reader to define a knob 28a, 28a (sic) 28b. Again no knob has been claimed in claim 1. For argument's sake, the wires 22a and 22b in Easley do not provide a bend, as is claimed, and the pointer portions 28a and 28b do not define a knob. As a matter of fact, there are two pointer portions but applicant is claiming only one knob.